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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Lundstrom DATE TYPED 02/02/05 HB 220

SHORT TITLE Full Day Indian Law Institute for Legislators SB _____

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$5.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Indian Affairs Department (DIA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 220 appropriates \$5 thousand from the general fund to the Legislative Council Service for the purpose of incorporating as part of the mandatory ethics training a full-day Indian law institute for legislators to enable them to better understand Indian law.

Significant Issues

Indian Affairs reports.

An Indian law institute is one way to address the need to establish a relationship of cooperation, coordination, open communication and understanding between New Mexico tribes and State legislature. An understanding of “Indian law”—a complex body of law composed for hundreds of Indian treaties, court decisions, federal Indian statutes, regulations and administrative rulings—will assist the legislature to become more aware of its relevance and applicability to New Mexico Indian nations, pueblos and tribes. Further, it may assist legislators to become aware of the implications of State laws to Indian law, to tribal governments and members of an Indian Tribe who are also NM citizens.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$5.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general fund.

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